FAITH AND LAW

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1. What have you gathered the Mosaic Law, or living under any of that Law, means to most people?
2. What have you gathered the content of Law should mean to you?
3. In the Dispensation of Grace, is it at all possible to escape the foundation of the Law? Can you give Scripture backing for your answer?
4. Where then does the Law necessarily have to apply today?
5. How is the Law to be utilized, if any person is willing?
6. What then is "just having faith" - in its proper context?
7. What is the prerequisite for anyone's making peace with the Lord?
8. What is it (not who) that is victorious over the hindrances of the world system?
9. Who is the one doing the work of God?

Answers

1. Today, most people view the Mosaic Law as an arbitrary rule, an unacceptable restriction, bondage, a hindrance to meaningful expression, and a puerile concept of adult life.
2. Today, the Law should provide guidance in principles which have been found to be and are essential to well-being. Children are

given toys such as building blocks to help develop an awarenes of the value of and accuracy in making a sound building. By the training of the law of gravity, they learn about what happens when the job is done without enough thought. The prinicple is to carry through into adult life. The principles of God's Law given to a primitive people should then also remain in His Instruction Manual or description of how to enter into and maintain a successful life. These principles should make it possible to experience a constantly joyous life. The practice of these principles does bring immortality of the soul and leads to immortality of the earthly physical body - if enough of th eManual is studied, understood and put into practice. (1Pet. 1:11, 1Cor. 10:11, Mal. 3:6, Jhn. 5:24)

3. In the Dispensation of Grace, it is not possible to escape the foundation of God's Law. An obvious example is the law of gravity. Even tody, it is necessary to have a law against murder and robbery. Read and meditate upon Jhn. 5:47, Ps. 119:160, Mal. 3:6, as a sampling.

4. The principles in God's Law necessarily apply today to those who have missed the foundation and the those who have not yet come to a righteous understanding in the particular matter confronting them.

5. The necessary aspects of the the Law are to be utilized by applying the pattern or principle declared in the Word or through the drama set forth in it by our loving Father, who has thoughs only for the well-being of His children. This requires considerable study, considerable teaching about concepts new to today's

traditional Christian and plenty of exercise in self-control, self-discipline and aggressive determination. It is so easy to enter into man's twisting of the Faith presented by the Christ Spirit, into something more comfortable or less requiring, but which still sounds proper and fitting.

6. "Just having faith" should include taking the initiative to do that for which the Master Plan calls - as the only way. According to God's Word through Habakkuk, the just man will live by that Faith and by no other. (Hab. 2:4) Fence-riding actually develops a kingdom working aginst itself. A curse remains upon him who does the work of the Lord negligently. A curse remains upon him who keeps back his sword from destroying that in him which spoils the outworking of the Lord's Plan. (Jer. 48:10)

7. The Lord will be at peace with His child only as he continues in the practice of His Plan for well-being. He will be satisfied only when that Plan entirely fills the mind and the heart, thus making peace with Him on His terms. (Isa. 27:4-5) Otherwise, the loving Father will fight with the one not cooperating to the measure of his ability. (Rev. 2:16) In that fight, who will emerge the victor?

8. Only that which is geerated through the application of what has been carefully planned by the Lord Himself will result in overcoming the hindrances and obstruction of the world system. The rule of ignorance and apathy is to be personally overcome by progressively taking on and developing the Faith presented by Jesus Christ, to make it one's constant life-style. (Rev. 3:15-17)

9. He who actually is doing the work of God is he who believes into

> Jesus Christ. He it is who overcomes the world approach, guarding and performing all of th einstructions in the Lord's Plan for his well-being-as much of it as he then knows. As a result, it is he who is protected during the hour of the most severe testing ever to come upon all nations and all Christians who remain on earth - if he continues in patient, expectant endurance. (Rev. 3:10)

Again the Lord is preparing to comfort those who have learned faithfulness. He is speaking tenderly to them, because their training here has almost been completed. There is again a coordinated cry in the wilderness of man's programs and plans, as with one voice, "Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord. Make straight in the wilderness of man's ways a High Way for our God!" That Way is through reconstructed people - you and me, if we are willing to magnify His "name" through what we think, feel, desire and do. May He find you so doing!

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